

Remarks

By this amendment, Claim 7 and 28-32 have been cancelled and Claim 36 has been amended to change "anionic", first occurrence to "ionic" to correct an obvious typographical error. Additionally, Claim 1 has been amended as shown to delete acylglutamates from the compounds forming component (B). As thus amended, it is believed all remaining claims are in condition for allowance which is hereby earnestly solicited and respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 7-14, 28 and 33-37 stand rejected as being obvious over WO 97/40124 in view of *Dubief, et al* (U.S. Patent 6,074,633). As now amended, the rejection of the claims is respectfully traversed. With respect first to WO 97/40124, while it is true that that reference teaches the use of a Gemini surfactant in certain compositions, including detergents, it clearly does not teach or suggest the combination of Gemini surfactants with the now claimed (B) components. This infirmity is not cured by resort to the *Dubief, et al* reference. *Dubief, et al* does not teach the use of any Gemini surfactant, much less the combination of a Gemini surfactant with the additional detergent component forming part of the (B) component, i.e., acylactylates, acylated protein condensates and mixtures thereof. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-4, 8-14 and 33-37 are patentable over WO 97/40124 alone or in view of *Dubief, et al*.

Claims 1-4, 7-14, 28 and 33-37 stand rejected as unpatentable over *Baillely, et al* in view of *Deguchi, et al*. This rejection is also traversed. While *Baillely, et al* may teach a Gemini surfactant, *Baillely, et al* clearly does not teach applicant's claimed composition of a Gemini surfactant and the (B) components set forth in Claim 1. With respect to *Deguchi, et al*, that reference contains no suggestion to use whatsoever to the use of a Gemini surfactant and, accordingly, the combination of the *Baillely, et al* reference and the *Deguchi, et al* reference does not make out a *prime facie* case of obviousness. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-4, 8-14 and 33-37 are patentable over *Baillely, et al* in view of *Deguchi, et al*.

With respect to the double patenting rejection, applicant again respectfully requests that the requirement for filing a terminal disclaimer be held in abeyance pending the indication that the remaining claims are otherwise in condition for allowance.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all remaining claims are in condition for allowance which is hereby earnestly solicited and respectfully requested.

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